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1. PHILIPPINES

ANNOUNCING "NATIONAL POLICY OF RECONCILIATION," MARCOS ORDERED RELEASE 4/10 OF OVER 500 PERSONS JAILED SINCE SUNDAY FOR DEFYING BAN ON ANTI-GOVT DEMONSTRATIONS. SIX PROMINENT DISSENTERS REMAIN JAILED. GOP SPOKESMAN SAID RELEASED PERSONS COULD STILL BE SUBJECT TO TRIAL ON UNCLASSIFIED

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SEDITION CHARGES, BUT ADDED GOVT WOULD PROBABLY NOT PROSECUTE "FIRST OFFENDERS" (MATHEWS, WP; SUN; REUTER, ALL FROM MANILA).

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (MANILA 4/11) REPORTS PLANS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED IN CAPITAL FOR MAJOR CITY-WIDE DEMONSTRATION ON SATURDAY TO PROTEST ELECTION OUTCOME. MEANWHILE, PHIL INFO BUREAU DIRECTOR CRUZ CALLED IN BUTTERFIELD/WP CORRESPONDENT MATHEWS 4/11 TO ADVISE THEM THAT MARCOS CONSIDERED THEIR ELECTION COVERAGE UNFAIR. WELL-INFORMED

SOURCES INDICATE MARCOS SO FURIOUS ABOUT FON COVERAGE OF ELECTIONS THAT ORDER HAD BEEN GIVEN TO EXPEL SOME CORRESPONDENTS.

2. CHINA

RESPONDING TO QUESTION FOLLOWING ADDRESS BEFORE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS IN WASHINGTON 4/11, PRES CARTER EXPRESSED HOPE ESTABLISH FULL DIPLO RELS W/PRC "OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS." SAID HE SAW NO "INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLES" IN REACHING SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE GOALS, BUT ADDED THAT "WE'RE NOT IN ANY BIG HURRY, NEITHER ARE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA LEADERS" (ANTEVIL, NYDN; REUTER; NYT TRANSCRIPT).

USG SOURCES SAY PRC'S WHEAT PURCHASE TIED TO ECON, RATHER THAN POL MOTIVES. FORMER ASST USDA SEC BELL BELIEVES CHINESE MADE PURCHASE MAINLY BECAUSE OBTAINING WHEAT FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS DIFFICULT/UPCOMING PRC CROP POOR (COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE, JOC).

INNER MONGOLIAN CHINESE LEADER HAO KUANG-TEH ARRESTED FOR STEALING LARGE NUMBER SECRET/CONF PARTY/STATE DOCUMENTS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND OF "THROWING THE SITUATION IN INNER MONGOLIA...INTO DISORDER." HAO ACCUSED OF HAVING HEADED EXTERMIST GROUP WHO SUPPORTED GANG OF 4 (REUTER'S MACKENZIE, PEKING 4/11).

3. CHINA/SINGAPORE

BETHLEHEM SINGAPORE HAS SIGNED CONTRACT TO BUILD OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING RIG FOR PRC (UPI, JOC).

4. KOREA

SK'S NATL ASSEMBLY EXPECTED ADOPT RESOLUTION THIS WK DEMANDING THAT FORMER AMB TO SK PORTER TESTIFY BEFORE IT. HOUSE SPKR CHUNG HAS ACCEPTED REQUEST FROM OPPOSITION TO CONVENE ASSEMBLY'S FON AFFAIRS SUBCMTE THURS. DEMAND SEEN AS POL RETALIATION FOR US CONGRESS' ETHICS CMTE REQUEST HAVE FORMER SK AMB KIM DONG JO TESTIFY ON KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING IN CONGRESS.

MEANWHILE, 200 WORKERS PROTESTED BEFORE AMEMB 4/11 DENOUNCING ALLEGED BLUE HOUSE BUGGING/DEMANDING OFFICIAL APOLOGY FOR IT. OTHER SKOREAN NEWS REPORTS SAY HUNDREDS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE HOLDING CAMPUS RALLIES IN SEOUL/ELSEWHERE FOR SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS. US CHARGE STERN HAS LODGED PROTEST W/KOREAN FONMIN AGAINST DEMONSTRATIONS (NYT).

FORMER FOOD FOR PEACE COORDINATOR IRWIN HEDGES TESTIFIED
BEFORE HOUSE ETHICS CMTE WEDS, SAYING FORMER REP PASSMAN

ONCE VOICED BELIEF THAT PARK CHUNG HEE MIGHT HAVE
BENEFITTED FINANCIALLY FROM TONGSUN PARK'S BUSINESS
DEALINGS. HEDGES SAID HE THOUGHT TONGSUN PARK'S
COMMISSIONS IN RICE DEALS EXCESSIVELY HI, AND PASSMAN
REPLIED THAT "IN ALL PROBABILITY," MUCH OF PARK'S FEE
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WENT INTO "SLUSH FUND" FOR PRES PARK (REUTER'S DE SILVA,
4/11).

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, ETHICS CMTE DEP SPECIAL COUNSEL
WHITE SAYS PANEL MIGHT REACH AGREEMENT W/ROKG THIS WK ON
OBTAINING KIM DONG JO TESTIMONY (OLSON, SUN).

5. JAPAN

IN TELEVISED INTERVIEW W/JAPAN'S NATL BROADCASTING CO
WEDS, FUKUDA WELCOMED CARTER'S 4/11 SPEECH, WHICH HE
SAID CLARIFIED BASIC US POSITION OF CURBING INFLATION/
RESTRICTING OIL IMPORTS. PM REITERATED THAT HE WILL
URGE CARTER DEFEND DOL WHEN THEY MEET IN WASHINGTON 5/3.
ALSO SAID JAPAN WOULD ASK US FACILITATE JAPANESE INVEST-
MENT BY TAX EXEMPTIONS/OTHER MEASURES (NAKAMIKADO, REUTER
TOKYO).

EC HAS ASKED US/JAPAN TO IMPROVE TRADE CONCESSION PROPOSALS
AT GENEVA TRADE TALKS. EC OFFICIAL DENMAN TOLD NEWS CONF
4/11 JAPANESE OFFER DISAPPOINTING/SOME FEATURES US
PROPOSAL UNSATISFACTORY (REUTER GENEVA, 4/11).

INTL ENERGY AGENCY OPENS 2-DAY BOARD MTG IN TOKYO TO
REVIEW ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICIES/NEW ENERGY DEVELOP-
MENT PROJECTS. IN OPENING STATEMENT WEDS, JAPANESE
FONMIN SONODA SAID INTL COOPERATION INDISPENSABLE FOR
MORE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION AVAILABLE ENERGY RESOURCES/
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOURCES (REUTER TOKYO).

6. INDONESIA

IN JOINT INTERVIEW 4/11, INDONESIA'S SECURITY/INTELL
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CHIEFS SAID ALL BUT 200 OR 300 OF NEARLY 20,000
REMAINING POL PRISONERS WILL BE FREED BY END OF NEXT
YR. OTHERS WOULD BE TRIED THIS YR ON CHARGES OF HAVING
BEEN "CLEARLY AND DIRECTLY INVOLVED" IN ATTEMPTED

COUP 9/65 (KAMM, NYT JAKARTA).

7. VIETNAM

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SAYS ITS WHEAT SHIPMENT TO VN HAS GIVEN CARTER ADMIN EVIDENCE THAT MANY AMERICANS READY PUT ASIDE WARTIME EMOTIONS/ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELS W/SRV. CWS

HAS FOUND ALLIES IN CONGRESS FOR EFFORT/CLAIMS SUPPORT "FAR BEYOND" ITS NORMAL CONSTITUENCY (EARLY, CSM).

RONALD HUMPHREY--USIA AIDE CHARGED W/SPYING FOR HANOI--HAS ASKED FOR POLYGRAPH TEST TO PROVE HIS INNOCENCE. DEFENSE ATTY SAID HUMPHREY HAS ALREADY GONE THRU SODIUM PENTOTHAL ("TRUTH SERUM") QUESTIONING, DURING WHICH HE DENIED TRANSMITTING DOCUMENTS CLASSIFIED AS SECRET OR WHICH CONTAINED NATL SECURITY/DEFENSE INFO. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, ACLU HAS FILED LAWSUIT CHARGING DOJ/FBI ILLEGALLY WIRETAPPED 4 PEOPLE INVOLVED IN CASE.

8. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

CAMBODIA SAYS ITS FORCES KILLED OVER 560 VIET SOLDIERS IN BORDER FIGHTING LAST WK. PP RADIO CLAIMED SEVERAL DIVISIONS VIET FORCES ENTERED CAMBODIAN TERRITORY LAST FRIDAY BUT WERE FORCED TO RETREAT (MELUNSKI, REUTER BANGKOK).

9. AUSTRALIA

COMMERCE DEPT ANTICIPATES US INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA WILL INCREASE 21 PCT OVER LAST YR. FORECAST BASED ON GOA'S UNCLASSIFIED

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RECENT ACTION TO REMOVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON FON INVESTORS (STOVE, JOC SYDNEY).

10. GENERAL

IN ANNUAL REPORT, ADB WARNED WORLD ECON PROSPECTS FOR '78 LESS PROMISING THAN IN PAST 2 YRS/FORECAST MORE PROBLEMS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNLESS INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS SUSTAINED BETTER GROWTH RATES W/LESS TRADE RESTRAINTS. BANK FOUND '77 ECON PERFORMANCE OF DEVELOPING NATION MEMBERS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY, W/EXCEPTION OF BANGLADESH/LAOS/CAMBODIA/VN (REUTER'S BICKLER, MANILA).

FREEMEN (REUTER SINGAPORE) REPORTS CHOLERA STILL SPREADING ACROSS MUCH OF ASIA DESPITE WIDESPREAD VACCINATION/PUBLIC HYGIENE CAMPAIGNS. NOTES INCREASES IN CHOLERA DEATHS RECENTLY REPORTED IN MALAYSIA/THAILAND/BURMA, PROMPTING NEW GOVT EFFORTS AT CONTROLLING OUT-

BREAKS.

JACK ANDERSON (WP) SAYS SECDEF RECENTLY REPORTED TO PRES THAT "THERE IS A MISIMPRESSION" AMONG ASIAN ALLIES THAT US IGNORING THEM IN FAVOR OF EUR ALLIES. BROWN REPORTEDLY ASSURED CARTER DOD BEEFING UP ITS ASIAN FORCES, "WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWALS FROM

KOREA." STATES BROWN TOLD PRES US ALSO HELPING SK/JAPAN W/THEIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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CITING CARTER ADMIN'S CONCERN OVER HUMAN RTS, CSM'S MORITZ (HK) SUGGESTS MARCOS' POST-ELECTION CRACKDOWN MAY COMPLICATE BASE NEGOTS. SEES FURTHER SNAGS IN CONCLUDING NEW AGREEMENT SHOULD MARCOS ALSO CONTINUE CHARGES OF AMERICAN "MEDDLING" IN CAMPAIGN.

SUN'S ISAACS (MANILA) REVIEWS ELECTION/MARCOS CRACKDOWN. CITES MARCOS' ALLEGATIONS THAT SOME FON CORRESPONDENTS WERE OF SUBVERSIVE INFILTRATORS/COMMENTS ON VARIOUS POST-ELECTION TACTICS--INCLUDING NOT REPORTING OFFICIAL OUTCOME--WHICH ERODE GOVT'S CREDIBILITY EVEN FURTHER. OPINES THAT ALTHO MARCOS MAY HAVE FAILED WIN BETTER INTL IMAGE AS RESULT OF ELECTIONS, HE NEVERTHELESS RETAINED ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER PHILS.

BICKLER (REUTER MANILA) FINDS PHILS DESTINED FOR TIGHTENING OF AUTHORITY. REMARKS VOTING HAS NOW MADE MARCOS CAUTIOUS ABOUT HOW QUICKLY HIS PROMISED GRADUAL RETURN TO DEMOCRACY WILL OCCUR. NOTES GOP'S RELUCTANCE PUBLISH FINAL VOTE, WHICH (DESPITE CHARGES OF FRAUD) MANY BELIEVE RAN 60-40 IN GOVT'S FAVOR--FAR BELOW 90 PCT BACKING GAINED LAST DECEMBER.

SUN EDIT SAYS RATHER THAN SHOWING PROGRESS TOWARD HUMAN RTS/DEMOCRACY, ELECTION SHOWED LIVELIER OPPOSITION TO MARCOS' DICTATORSHIP THAN PRES THOUGHT WOULD DARE SURFACE. BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE MARCOS COULD WIN IN GENUINELY FAIR ELECTION, BUT NOTES, "IT IS CERTAIN THEY DON'T MEAN TO RISK IT."

CHITRIB EDIT WONDERS HOW MARCOS KNEW SATURDAY (I.E. GOP VICTORY) WHAT OFFICIAL VOTE-COUNTERS DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL 48 HRS LATER? FINDS MARCOS CONFRONTED W/CONFLICTING WISHES: TO BE LOVED AS DEMOCRATIC LEADER WHILE LUSTING FOR EVEN MORE PROLONGED POWER.

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HERBLOCK CARTOON (WP) DEPICTS AN ANGRY MARCOS WATCHING BUSLOAD OF DISSENTERS BEING CARTED AWAY IN POLICE VAN. SAYS PRES, "INGRATES. YOU LET THEM VOTE AND THE NEXT THING, THEY WANT THEIR BALLOTS COUNTED."

12. CHINA/JAPAN

AXELBANK (JOC MOSCOW) DOES ANALYSIS ON SIGNIFICANCE BREZHNEV'S TRIP TO SINO-SOVIET BORDER. CITES SENIOR WESTERN DIPLOMAT'S BELIEF THAT BREZHNEV, ASIDE FROM SYMBOLIC WARNING TO PRC, ALSO AIMED MESSAGE AT JAPAN. SAYS IN SOVIET VIEW, JAPAN BEING SLOWLY SUCKED INTO CHINESE ORBIT, AND IF TOKYO SIGNS PEACE-FRIENDSHIP TREATY W/PEKING, SOVIET-JAPANESE RELS WILL RUPTURE EVEN FURTHER. STATES LATELY, KREMLIN CAMPAIGN AGAINST "RISE OF JAPANESE MILITARISM" HAS HIT NEW HI KEY-- ESPECIALLY W/LDP'S NEW POSITION THAT EVEN NUKE WEAPONS PERMITTED UNDER NATION'S CONSTITUTION.

AXELBANK REMARKS SOVIETS ALSO BELIEVE PEKING "WORKING ON" JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN/POLITICIANS/GOVT LEADERS TO FORCE INCLUSION OF "ANTI-HEGEMONY" STATEMENT IN PEKING-TOKYO TREATY. IN THIS CONNECTION, NOTES SOVIET PRESS HAS RECENTLY ACCUSED JAPAN OF ATTEMPTING "CHANGE OF POLICY" TO FORM ANTI-SOVIET ALLIANCE W/PRC. AXELBANK FINDS GREATEST ANXIETY IN MOSCOW OVER JAPAN/CHINA JOINING HANDS FOR "MUTUAL PROSPERITY IN ASIA." SAYS RUSSIANS ALARMED OVER TENG'S RECENT STATEMENT THAT JAPAN/PRC MUST POOL EFFORTS IN EAST, WHILE EUR/US DO SAME IN WEST IN ORDER RESIST USSR. VANCE

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